

**CYPRESS-FAIRBANKS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**APRIL 6, 2023
BOARD WORK SESSION MINUTES**

The Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District Board of Trustees convened in a Board Work Session on Thursday, April 6, 2023, in the Boardroom of the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District Instructional Support Center, located at 10300 Jones Road, Houston, Texas.

Call to Order

Board President Tom Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The following Board members were present: Tom Jackson, Julie Hinaman, Scott Henry and Gilbert Sarabia. Board members Debbie Blackshear, Dr. Natalie Blasingame and Lucas Scanlon were not present.

Announcements

Mr. Jackson announced that the **Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Vision & Mission Statement**, portions of **Remarks & Recognitions, Board Comments**, portions of **Reports** and **Citizen Participation** would be presented at the Regular Board Meeting on Monday, April 10, 2023.

Mr. Jackson announced that the Board would proceed with **Item 1.E.** of the **Remarks & Recognitions** portion of the agenda. Items 1.A. through 1.D. will be presented at the Monday, April 10, 2023, Regular Board Meeting.

- 1.E.** The Board recognized Benjamin Scholl, a senior at Cypress Woods High School, as the UIL State Champion for the 50-yard Freestyle and the 100-yard Freestyle.

Mr. Jackson announced that the Board would proceed with **Items 3.A and 3.B.** of the **Reports** portion of the agenda. (While Item 3.C. would be presented at the Monday, April 10, 2023, Regular Board Meeting, there was one speaker for this item.)

- 3.A.** The administration provided a report on Community Programs.
- 3.B.** The administration provided a report on the Teacher Incentive Allotment.
- 3.C.** The administration will provide an update on the 88th Legislative Session at the Monday, April 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting.

Speaker:

- 1. Dr. Tara Cummings addressed the Board on the current Texas legislative bills that will affect public education. Dr. Cummings thanked the members of the CLC for their communication system and calls to action during the current legislative session.

Mr. Jackson announced that the Board would review the following **Action Items**. During the review of the following Action Items any Board member may remove one or more of those items, at which time, those items would be addressed and voted on individually.

4. Action Items

- 4.A.** The Board will consider approving the minutes of the March 6, 2023, Regular Board Meeting.
- 4.B.** The Board will consider adopting the Resolution to Modify Adjustment in Comptroller's Property Value Assignment for Granting a Local Optional Homestead Exemption.
- 4.C.** The Board will consider adopting a resolution opposing any mechanisms that reduce public education funding.

Speakers:

1. Stacey DeMyer shared her concerns regarding the Texas legislature’s support of vouchers.
2. Dr. Tara Cummings shared her comments on the importance of keeping public funds in public schools.

Board Vice President Julie Hinaman read the proposed resolution opposing any mechanisms that reduce public education funding.

4.D. The Board will consider approving the superintendent’s contract recommendations to issue probationary, term, and annual contracts for the 2023-2024 school year for teachers, administrators, and paraprofessionals.

4.E. The Board will consider approving construction proposals and contracts paid from Bond Funds to the recommended contractors and authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute all necessary documents related to such contracts as recommended in the posted agenda item.

- 4.E.1. 2022 Cy-Fair HS Multisite Master Plan - Package 3
- 4.E.2. 2022 Cy-Ranch and Cy-Lakes Natatorium Renovations

4.F. The Board will consider awarding bids and contracts and/or authorizing purchase orders as recommended in the posted agenda item.

- 4.F.1. Fertilizer and Pesticides
- 4.F.2. Furniture and Equipment
- 4.F.3. Portable Building Walkway Canopy Installations

4.G. The Board will consider awarding bids and contracts and/or authorizing disposal of surplus technology equipment as recommended in the posted agenda item.

- 4.G.1. Disposal, Recycling and Asset Recovery Services of Surplus Technology Equipment.

Board member Dr. Natalie Blasingame entered the Boardroom at 7:23 p.m. and participated in the remainder of the Board meeting.

4.H. The Board will consider approving a resolution to suspend portions of FMH (LOCAL) for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years.

4.I. The Board will consider authorizing the superintendent to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with West Coast University for Speech Pathology Field Placement.

4.J. The Board will consider authorizing the superintendent to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Phoenix for student teacher placement(s).

4.K. The Board will consider making a determination that good cause did not exist as required by law for Lori Cortinas, Ashley Garcia, Ashley Las Marias, Monica Lugo, and Sharon Quinilty to resign their respective employment contracts. [This item may be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 551.074.]

Mr. Jackson announced that Sharon Quinilty’s name was removed from this agenda item after the agenda had been posted.

Action Items 4.A., 4.B. and 4.D. through 4.J. were moved to Consensus. Action Items 4.C. and 4.K. remained on Non-Consensus.

Mr. Jackson announced that the Board would proceed with the **Discussion** portion of the agenda.

5. Discussion

5.A. The administration discussed the Districtwide Intruder Detection Audit Report findings. (This item may be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 551.076 of the Texas Government Code.)

6. Citizen Participation

Citizen Participation will be heard at the Regular Board Meeting on Monday, April 10, 2023.

7. Closed Session

Mr. Jackson thanked the audience for attending the meeting and thanked those who were viewing from home.

Mr. Jackson called for a motion to move into closed session on **Action Items 4.K.** and **5.A.**

Board member Julie Hinaman made a motion to move into closed session.

Board member Gilbert Sarabia seconded.

Motion passed by a 5 to 0 vote.

8. Adjournment

Board President Jackson adjourned the meeting to closed session at 7:33 p.m.

Mr. Jackson adjourned the Board Work Session in closed session at 7:53 p.m.